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1. SUMMARY: IN NOVEMBER WE TRANSFERRED TO THE GOM UP
TO DOLS 4 MILLION WORTH OF BELL 212 HELICOPTERS: CONGRESSMAN
LOU FREY PAID US A BUSY AND USEFUL VISIT; AN AID OFFICER
ARRIVED FOR 3 MONTHS TDY; THE EMBASSY REPLIED TO THE
SECRETARY'S NARCOTICS MESSAGE; WE REPORTED PROPOSED REVISIONS
OF THE MEXICAN NARCOTICS LAWS; THE MEXICAN PRESS CARRIED
THE USUAL SPATE OF ARTICLES DECRYING THE ARMS-FOR-DRUGS
TRAFFIC, LAWLESSNESS IN CULIACAN AND DRUG ADDICTION AMONG
STUDENTS; AND ANOTHER TREATMENT CENTER OPENED IN MEXICO
CITY. ON THE ENFORCEMENT SIDE, OCTOBER WAS A HARD ACT TO
FOLLOW AND MEXICO FELL FAR SHORT OF THAT MONTH'S DRAMATIC
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SUCCESES. NONETHELESS THE PRESSURE WAS KEPT ON AND SOME

2.4 MILLION SQUARE METERS OF POPPY FIELDS WERE DESTROYED
(ABOUT 600 ACRES).

2. EMBASSY AND GOM ACTIVITIES

A. ON NOV. 1 AMBASSADOR JOVA AND MEXICAN ATTORNEY
GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA EXCHANGED LETTERS EFFECTING AN AGREE-
MENT TO PROVIDE THE GOM FOUR ADDITIONAL BELL 212 HELICOPTERS.
CAPABLE OF CARRYING 12-15 PERSONS, THESE LARGE AIRCRAFT
WILL BE USED IN THE UP-COMING ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. THE
AG'S FLEET OF LARGE HELICOPTERS NOW STANDS AT NINE SHIPS
(THE TENTH CRASHED AND WAS DESTROYED IN SEPTEMBER). (MEXICO
9297).

B. CONGRESSMAN LOU FREY, JR. (R. FLA.) VISITED
MEXICO TO DISCUSS NARCOTICS AND TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS.
WHILE HERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND HELD A
VERY USEFUL CONVERSATION WITH THE AG. (MEXICO 9667).

C. AID OFFICER CESAR BERNAL ARRIVED IN EARLY NOVEMBER
TO BEGIN AN APPROXIMATELY THREE-MONTH TOUR OF TEMPORARY
DUTY WITH THE DEA OFFICE HERE. HIS JOB IS TO HANDLE TECHNICAL
ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NARCOTICS AGREEMENTS ON
MATERIAL ASSISTANCE (STATE 241115).

D. THE EMBASSY RESPONDED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
MESSAGE CONCERNING THE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON NARCOTICS
CONTROL (MEXICO 9856).

E. WE REPORTED ON A PROPOSED REVISION OF THE MEXICAN
NARCOTICS LAWS. APPARENTLY A MOVE TO STIFFEN PENALTIES FOR
COMMERCIAL TRAFFICKERS, THE DRAFT LEGISLATION WILL BE
REPORTED AGAIN WHEN IT HAS BECOME LAW (MEXICO 9836).

F. IN OTHER NOVEMBER DEVELOPMENTS: (1) THE MEXICAN
PRESS EDITORIALIZED AGAINST THE ARMS-FOR-DRUGS TRAFFIC,
STRESSING THAT USG SHOULD ACT TO LIMIT ARMS SMUGGLING INTO
MEXICO AS A QUID-PRO-QUO FOR GOM COOPERATION IN STEMMING
THE NORTHWARD FLOW OF NARCOTICS; (2) THE "DRUG CAPITAL",
CULIACAN WAS AGAIN SINGLED OUT BY THE PRESS AS EXMPLARY
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OF A TOTALLY LAWLESS CITY; (3) ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA
PAULLADA AND USG/GOM COOPERATION WERE HAILED EDITORIALY
FOR EFFECTING THE IMPORTANT RECENT (OCTOBER) BLOWS AGAINST
THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC; (4) TWO DOCTORS WERE ARRESTED FOR
RUNNING A SELF-STYLED "PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC" IN MEXICO CITY,
IN WHICH ADDICTS WERE SUPPLIED WITH PEYOTE, MARIJUANA
AND OTHER ILLEGAL MATERIAL; AND (5) YET ANOTHER TREATMENT
CENTER FOR DRUG ADDICTION WAS OPENED IN MEXICO CITY.

3 GOM ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. WITH US AUTHORITIES

US CITIZEN ARRESTED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT WITH 450 GM. COCAINE.

SOME 7,000 MANDRAX PILLS SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT; TWO ARGENTINES ARRESTED.

14 TONS MARIJUANA TAKEN IN TIJUANA; SIX ARRESTED.

B. INDEPENDENT MEXICAN OPERATIONS

TWO TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED NEAR NUEVO LAREDO; 4 ARRESTS. MEXICAN OFFICIALS INTERCEPTED A LARGE SHIPMENT OF ARMS AND OTHER CONTRABAND NEAR MONTERREY; 2 ARRESTED.

5.3 KG. OPIUM TAKEN IN GUADALAJARA; TWO WOMEN ARRESTED. THIS CASE DEVELOPED INFORMATION LEADING TO THE SEIZURE OF A CLANDESTINE LABORATORY, ANOTHER 5 KG. OF OPIUM, 45 GM HEROIN AND ANOTHER ARREST IN CULIACAN.

2 TONS MARIJUANA FOUND IN AN ABANDONED CAR NEAR SAN LUIS POTOSI.

4. TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN NOGALES; 4 ARRESTS.

2.6 TONS MARIJUANA, 30 PISTOLS AND 5 RIFLES SEIZED NEAR THE U.S. BORDER; 16 ARRESTS.

4. TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN NOGALES; 5 ARRESTS.

2. U.S. CITIZENS CAPTURED WITH 1/2 TON MARIJUANA IN HERMOSILLO.

1/2 TON MARIJUANA TAKEN IN NOGALES; 2 ARRESTS.

3 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED ON MAZATLAN/LA PAZ FERRY; 2 ARRESTS.

HEROIN LAB SEIZED IN CELAYA, GUANAJUATO; 1.5 KG. HEROIN AND 2 KGS OPIUM TAKEN; 12 ARRESTS.

6 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN TRUCK IN MISA, SONORA; DRIVER FLED.

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2.5 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN MAZATLAN.

1. TON MARIJUANA TAKEN NEAR LA PRESA, SINALOA; 4 ARRESTS.

2 KG. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.

C. MONTHLY WRAPUP (OFFICIAL GOM)

OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED	855
AREA IN SQUARE METERS	2,402,197 M2
OPIUM GUM	11.5 KG.
SEEDS	--
HEROIN	1.24 KG
COCAINE	2.4 KG

DANGEROUS DRUGS

METHAQUALONE	7,000 TABLETS
LSD 25	350 TABLETS
AMPHETAMINES	150 TABLETS

MARIJUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED	85
AREA IN SQUARE METERS	323,480 M2
MARIJUANA (DRY) SEIZED	59.6 TONS
SEED	18 KG.
HASHISH	20 GM.

AIRCRAFT SEIZED	1
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AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS	74
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ARRESTS

FOREIGNERS (MOSTLY US)	23
MEXICAN NATIONALS	189

(NOTE: OFFICIAL GOM STATISTICS FOR SEIZURES DURING
NOVEMBER ACCORD CLOSELY WITH THE EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL
COMPILATION OF DEA REPORTS AND PRESS ACCOUNTS.) JOVA

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